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SUBJECT: NASA STATION CLOSURE AND US-GOMR RELATIONS

1. MALAGASY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DR. REMI TIANDRAZA HELD AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 17 ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR OAU CONFERENCE AT KAMPALA. MAD PRESSE (OFFICIAL GOMR BULLETIN) REPORTED THAT IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FONMIN SAID THAT NASA AFFAIR "COULD NOT IN ANY WAY CREATE A DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT." HE SAID, "SINCE 1972 NUMEROUS FOREIGN STORES HAVE CLOSED WITHOUT THAT RUPTURING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN MADAGASCAR AND THE COUNTRIES FROM WHICH THE STOREKEEPERS COME."

2. MADAGASCAR MATIN REPORTED FONMIN'S REMARKS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY SAYING, "DR. TIANDRAZA SPECIFIED THAT CLOSING OF NASA STATION DOES NOT AFFECT AT ALL AMICABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN AMERICANS AND MALAGASY, AND IT IS FITTING TO DISASSOCIATE THE INTERESTS OF CERTAIN AMERICANS AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE DISTINCTION IS OF CAPITAL IMPORTANCE."

3. GERMAN DCM INFORMED CHARGE JULY 17 THAT FONMIN HAD VOLUNTEERED TO GERMAN DCM ON JULY 16 THAT FONMIN WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE "EQUILIBRIUM" OF MALAGASY FOREIGN POLICY. ELFERS

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